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Suspect Arrested in Fatal Shooting of 14 year Old

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On August 2, 2017 at approximately 3:15 AM, West Valley City Police were dispatched to a local hospital on a report of a gunshot wound victim in the emergency room. The victim had been driven to the hospital by his friends. Officers arrived and found the victim, 14 year old Romeo Rodriguez, suffered a gunshot wound to the face. Rodriguez was in extremely critical condition and was transferred via helicopter to another hospital for treatment.

Based on witness testimony, investigators determined that the shooting occurred in the area of 1330 West Rothchild Drive. Rodriguez had been a passenger in a vehicle occupied by multiple people. Rodriguez and his associates had encountered another group of people and as a result of this encounter, at least one shot was fired which struck Rodriguez. Rodriguez died from his injuries later on the afternoon of August 2nd.

On August 9th West Valley City Police investigators made an arrest in this case. The arrested party is identified as Frank Tsinnijinne (06/05/1999). Tsinnijinne was booked into the Salt Lake County Jail for a charge of murder.

At this time it appears that this confrontation began as a result of perceived gang affiliation.

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